

Poetic Image Of Woman

1945 - 1960

Adam bartered rib
to create answer to his needs.

Close visual scrutiny,
far flight of imagination --
a line of demarkation,
a point where reality and fancy part --
the midriff they took to pondering.

The upper structure: head, cheeks,
hair, eyes, lips, breasts, necks --
superfluous trivia, lacking utility to man --
would be atrophied by disuse.

The under half --
thighs guard gateway to pudenda,
epicenter of man's needs, raison d' etre.

To this utopian ideal
they glued poet's visionary eyes,
man's wisdom, ultimate hopes.

-- Archie Rosenhouse

Los Angeles, California

Bachelor Breakfast

Bald, he eats
Boiled eggs across
A table void
Of the condiments
Of cold cream and curlers.

She Sat, Lapful Of Cat,

Chatting with Father Thatcher
On the advisability
Of marriage before pregnancy.

-- Judith Bechtold

Seattle, Washington